

known as Build Back Better, and we are hearing all these wonderful things about it.

Well, the problem is that all those wonderful things cost far too much and are completely unaffordable and aren't being paid for by the Members of this House; they are being paid for by my constituents who are going to be worse off because of it, and they also know that.

And not to mention, Madam Speaker, what about all the fraud? We don't hear much about that. Did you realize there was \$87 billion in fraud due to the unemployment compensation that was just sprawled out to whoever asked with absolutely no work requirements at all, and none exist in this bill either.

We will be building back—not better—we will be building back in a manner that will be hurtful to my constituents and to my State and to our country.

Madam Speaker, the holidays are around the corner. Demand always increases in the holidays. So the situation is going to get further exacerbated, without a doubt. You don't need an economist to know that demand is going to continue to go up, supply will be minimal, inflation will rise due to the Build Back Better, which means there will be less workers. This is going to be the most expensive Christmas anyone can remember.

□ 1100

#### CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CLYDE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to continue to recognize the month of October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month and to further highlight the importance of cybersecurity across our country.

Our Nation's safety and security are being challenged by enemies through cyberspace. As we have seen over the last year, these attacks can lie dormant for many months before being detected and can have devastating impacts on our economy and way of life. Furthermore, these cyberattacks can be carried out by both state and nonstate actors with ease, as they are relatively inexpensive to execute.

There are certainly effective ways to immediately respond to a cyberattack, yet victims are often constrained due to lack of capabilities, knowledge, or resources.

In many ways cyberattacks have emerged as a near-perfect weapon against our Nation. During these last 10 months in Congress, I have become aware of just how destructive a cyberattack can be on a small business. It makes no difference what the business does. The only concern of the thieves is that the business be vulnerable. That is what happened to a company in my district in rural north Georgia 3 years ago.

The operations of a company that manufactured various bathroom fixtures came to a screeching halt when it was hijacked by a ransomware attack. This business was then forced to send a \$100,000 ransom using cryptocurrency, bitcoin, to obtain the decryption key that would allow them to resume functioning. For almost 5 weeks their operations were shut down by the attack.

When I spoke to the business management team, they told me the attack happened so quickly that they were not sure what to do or to whom to turn. In the end, this business suffered a loss of over \$1 million in hard currency—money that had to be paid out to fix or replace equipment and almost \$10 million in lost revenue.

Any American or business can face the same horrifying reality. That is why it takes all of us to prevent these intrusions from occurring. It starts with fundamental cybersecurity practices that work to strengthen network resiliency; commonly known as good cyber hygiene.

The Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, known as CISA, spearheads efforts to educate Americans on what steps they can take to practice proper cyber hygiene.

I fully support CISA's efforts in this endeavor and encourage everyone, especially businesses, to take a look at the resources CISA has to offer to be more safe and more secure online. Madam Speaker, you can find them online at [www.CISA.gov](http://www.CISA.gov).

#### BIDEN BORDER CRISIS

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the ongoing and record-breaking Biden border crisis. Hidden in last Friday's news dump, the latest data from Customs and Border Protection reveals Biden's self-inflicted crisis at our southern border is far from over. Last month there were 192,000 encounters at our southern border alone—a 232 percent increase from September of last year. This is the seventh straight month of more than 170,000 illegal encounters—a trend never before recorded.

This insanity must stop. The chaos at our southern border has now recklessly reached over 1.4 million illegal border crossings since President Biden took office. Yet during the President's townhall last week, he claimed that he hasn't had time to visit the crisis that he created. Keep in mind, Madam Speaker, the President has managed to visit his Delaware beach house almost every weekend of his Presidency.

It is shameful, Madam Speaker, that the President doesn't feel the need to witness the very crisis that he created. I refuse to ignore this administration's blatant dereliction of duty. The country needs to continue to hear about it until the issue is fixed, and I will continue working with my Republican colleagues to strengthen border security and put Americans first.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. MCCOLLUM) at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God of light, shine on us this day. Bring clarity into this dark world and illumine the path that will lead us through the challenges we face and the difficulties we discover on our way.

May we reflect Your light in our dealings with each other. May we find ways to brighten the lives of those we encounter and take the time to reveal with a kind word or a helpful gesture, the love that comes from You.

Indeed, O God, this Congress serves as a city on a hill. Nothing they do can be hidden; all eyes are upon them.

Let that vulnerability be a source of awareness of our dependence on You. Let that visibility be a source of hope for the Nation.

Then let our light, our devotion, our dedication, our purest motives, and our noblest intentions, shine before others that You would be glorified.

In the light of Your mercy and in the strength of Your name we pray.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. WILLIAMS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### HONORING PEOPLE INCORPORATED

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor People Incorporated, a leading nonprofit and human service agency in western New York.

This year, People Incorporated is celebrating its 50th year of service to western New Yorkers with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as families and older adults.

The agency was founded in 1970 by a small group of parents and professionals to better meet the needs of people with disabilities and their loved ones.

Since then, People Incorporated has grown and expanded its services. They currently serve over 10,000 individuals and families every single year.

People Incorporated provides access to housing and healthcare in a safe and welcoming environment. Their innovative services have helped thousands of people across western New York to live independently.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking People Incorporated for 50 years of compassionate community care.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DORIS WILZ

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, small business owner, and a dear friend to many in my hometown of Ottumwa.

On October 20, Doris Wilz passed away at the age of 93. Born and raised in Ottumwa, Doris was known by many as being the one who always went above and beyond for the betterment of the community. As a young widow, Doris met Karl Wilz, a small business owner and also recently widowed with four small children, the youngest of which was around three. They got married, and Doris went forward to help him conduct two small businesses in two towns 30 miles apart.

Whether it was through serving customers at one of the family's small businesses or volunteering at Ottumwa Regional Health Center, comforting patients and making cookies for the families at McCreery Cancer Center, Doris always loved to put a smile on the face of others.

But when asked what her greatest passion in life was, Doris would say her four children, 12 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Doris' gentle smile, melodious laugh, and encouragement meant so much to so many and drew people to her, including myself, and I am honored she considered me a friend.

Madam Speaker, I thank Doris for contributing to our community, and I will keep her, her family, and her loved ones in my prayers.

#### LEADING THE CHARGE TO FIGHT THE CLIMATE CRISIS

(Mrs. LEE of Nevada asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Madam Speaker, I rise today, not alone, but on the shoulders of hundreds of advocates and activists leading the charge to fight this climate crisis with the urgency it demands.

Over the past couple months, I have stood here almost every week calling for bold investments in clean energy infrastructure and climate solutions in the Build Back Better Act.

But I know when we pass the bipartisan infrastructure bill and the Build Back Better Act, it will be because of the efforts of so many advocates.

For years, Nevadans from the Nevada Conservation League, the League of Conservation Voters, the Sierra Club, Chispa, the Environmental Defense Fund, and Battle Born Progress and so many other hardworking organizations have come together to demand climate action.

Now, thanks to your hard work, I am confident that we will pass historic investment in clean energy infrastructure and build back better for our future.

The time to act on climate is now.

#### DEMOCRATS FAIL TO LIVE UP TO PROMISES

(Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS OF Texas. Madam Speaker, President Biden and the Democrats promised back in March their \$1.8 trillion American Rescue Plan would end the pandemic and get us on a path of economic recovery.

Well, it was a lie.

It is now 8 months later, and neither has been accomplished. What the Democrats' failed recovery plan has done is caused the highest inflation rate in decades, worsened the supply chain crisis, and eliminated the incentive to work, fallen over a million jobs short of President Biden's and Speaker PELOSI's job guarantees.

More lies.

On top of failed economic progress, this summer we saw one of the worst surges of COVID since the pandemic started.

And now we are witnessing President Biden and Speaker PELOSI pushing for trillions more dollars to deliver their radical socialistic agenda and more lies.

Democrats fail to live up to any of the promises they have made to the American people, and the taxpayers have lost total trust and confidence in their pathetic leadership and their lies.

In God we trust.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

#### EMPOWER MEDICARE TO NEGOTIATE DRUG PRICES

(Mr. AUCHINCLOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Madam Speaker, I stand for patients and taxpayers in support of empowering Medicare to negotiate drug prices and to pass on the savings to lower out-of-pocket costs. We must seize this once-in-a-generation opportunity to make healthcare affordable and to promote the development of new cures.

Some policymakers have argued that lowering costs and sustaining biomedical R&D are an either/or proposition, that Medicare negotiation for all drugs in parts B and D must necessarily degrade innovation. I disagree. Cracking down on exploitations of exclusivity with thoughtful policy could turbocharge new therapeutics and lower the price of old ones with the effect of lowering out-of-pocket costs for patients, promoting high-impact science, and saving the government money that Congress can use to expand health insurance for low-income Americans and senior citizens.

That policy is within reach, and I strongly support meaningful Medicare negotiation in the Build Back Better agenda.

#### HONORING HUBERT PETERKIN

(Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, Hoke County Sheriff Dr. Hubert Peterkin died unexpectedly last Friday during surgery and from a previous unannounced affliction of cancer. For the people of Hoke County, whom Sheriff Peterkin served in that capacity for 19 years, it has been a devastating shock and loss. I consider it to have been my honor and privilege to have gotten to know him briefly.

Sheriff Peterkin wore the badge over three decades. His fellow sheriffs elected him vice president and then president of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association. But, of course, as sheriff, he maintained not only law and order but community cohesion in that special way that rural communities throughout my State do so well. Peterkin's terrific presence earned him many awards and recognitions, including the Order of the Long Leaf Pine and the key to the city of Raeford.

Sheriff Peterkin leaves behind his wife and two children to cherish his memory as well as many colleagues and friends. The people of Hoke County will miss his leadership, and I join them in lifting up the Peterkin family in prayer.

#### HONORING JESSE AND ROSEMARIE GOMEZ

(Mr. MRVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)